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In re Application of
Ping Zhou
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application, filed July 19, 2004.

The application became abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee on or before June 16, 2003. Receipt is acknowledged of the requisite issue/publication on July 19, 2004.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Although the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement will be construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to Publishing Division.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220. Telephone inquiries related to processing at Publishing Division should be directed to (703) 305-8283.

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